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Pre-amendment

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
DONALD CHOY CHANG et al.) Examiner: (Unknown)
Serial No.: (Not assigned)) Art Unit: (Unknown)
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For: MODIFIED FLUORESCENT)
PROTEINS FOR DETECTING)
PROTEASE ACTIVITY)

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following first preliminary amendment
in the above-referenced application filed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 27 as follows.]

27. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 11-15,] claim 11, said protease comprising a caspase and said method comprising a method of detecting apoptosis of said sample cell.

REMARKS

By way of the above first preliminary amendment, applicant has amended claim 27 in the above application to remove the multiple dependency and, more specifically, to conform with the filing requirements in the United States.